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Subpart 814.1—Use of Sealed Bidding

814.103 Policy.

814.103-1 General.

Contracts in excess of the small purchase limitation or in excess of \$1,000 for contracts made for repairs to property acquired by the Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter 37, title 38, United States Code, will be made by sealed bidding when all of the elements

necessary for sealed bidding as prescribed in FAR 6.401(a) are present.

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814.104 Types of contracts.

814.104-70 Fixed-price contracts with escalation.

When contracts of this nature are authorized pursuant to 816.102(b), contracting officers will be guided by the provisions of FAR 16.203.

Subpart 814.2—Solicitation of Bids

814.201 Preparation of invitations for bids.

(a) Invitations for bids for supplies, equipment and services will be serially numbered at the time of issue. The number will consist of the station or marketing division number, the serial number of the invitation, and the fiscal year in which issued, e.g., 101-24-84. A series beginning with the number 1 will be started each fiscal year. Invitations for bids for supplies, equipment and services which are issued, accepted and become contracts in the same fiscal year but, because of procurement lead-time, will not be performed until the ensuing fiscal year will be numbered in the series of the year in which they are issued. However, invitations issued in one fiscal year that will result in a contract that will become effective and performed only in the ensuing fiscal year will be numbered in the ensuing fiscal year series.

(b) Invitations for construction contracts will bear the applicable IFB number and project number, if assigned.

(c) In order to preclude adverse criticism of the Department of Veterans Affairs by prospective bidders relative to the disclosure of bid prices prior to bid opening, the provision entitled "Caution to Bidders Bid-Envelopes," as set forth in 852.214-70, will be prominently placed in all invitations for bids.

(d) To realize the greatest possible price advantage for the Government, items that may be processed by a contractor to effect a reduction in cost factors such as production, inspection and delivery, may be listed for award